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GENERAL INFORMATION / TELECHECK

2009 SPRING HUNTING SEASONS

TURKEY	Youth-Only	General Season
	April 4-5	April 18 - May 10
SQUIRREL & OTHER SPECIES		Statewide
Squirrel		June 6-19
Coyote, Groundhog & Wild Hog*		year-round

* Groundhogs and wild hogs may be trapped year-round. It is illegal to possess live wild hogs in Kentucky; all trapped hogs must be killed at the trap site, and not released.

NOTE: Seasons on some Wildlife Management Areas and other public hunting lands not managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife may be different from those above. Please check pages 18-19 for those exceptions.

NEW THIS YEAR

Air rifles used to hunt squirrels must be .177, .20 or .22 caliber, used with pellets. (pg. 16)

Reminder: The ban on feeding wildlife outside the curtilage of the home is now in effect March 1 - May 31. (pg. 11)

LICENSES AND PERMITS

GENERAL HUNTER REQUIREMENTS

All turkey hunters (except those noted under 'License & Permit Exemptions' on page 5) are required to purchase and carry an annual Kentucky hunting license and a spring or youth turkey permit while hunting wild turkey during

the spring season.

The spring turkey permit allows the hunter to take two birds during the spring season; those two birds shall be male turkeys or turkeys with visible beards. The youth turkey permit is explained under 'Youth Hunter Requirements.'

All turkey hunters are required to

record and check harvested turkeys (and tag them if necessary) as described on pages 8-10.

All squirrel hunters, unless license exempt, are required to carry the appropriate Kentucky hunting license.

Each hunter must have his or her own license or permit. Paper licenses

and permits must be signed and filled out before going afield. Licenses, permits, license authorization numbers and carcass tags are non-transferable.

LICENSE & PERMIT EXEMPTIONS

In some cases, hunters are not required to purchase a hunting license or turkey permit. Here are those situations:

- Kentucky resident owners of farmlands, their spouses and dependent children hunting **upon their own farmlands** during an open season;
- Tenants, their spouses and dependent children hunting on farmlands **where they reside and work**;
- Kentucky residents on military furlough of more than three days in this state who carry identification and papers that verify their furlough status; or
- Resident and nonresident youth under the age of 12.

Persons exempt from buying a license and permit, including resident landowners, must abide by all other season regulations as outlined in this guide. Resident landowners and tenants are required to buy hunting licenses and permits whenever they hunt somewhere other than their own property or their landowner's property.

YOUTH HUNTER REQUIREMENTS

Youth hunters under the age of 12 are not required to purchase hunting licenses or turkey permits. Unless exempt, hunters ages 12-15 must carry a youth hunting license to hunt squirrels or turkeys. Youth turkey hunters ages 12-15 who are not license exempt must also purchase and carry a youth turkey permit, valid during any turkey season for one turkey. Youth hunters must abide by season bag limits and harvest restrictions but can use the youth permit throughout the license year.

The Youth Sportsman's License is available to resident and nonresident youth ages 12-15, and includes a youth

Q: I'm a nonresident but I own land in Kentucky. Do I have to buy nonresident licenses and permits?

A: Yes. **All** nonresidents must purchase nonresident licenses and permits.

RESIDENT SENIOR & DISABLED HUNTER REQUIREMENTS

The \$5 Resident Senior and Disabled licenses are discounted licenses which include the same licenses and permits as a Resident Sportsman's License, plus bonus deer permits.

Who qualifies?

Kentucky residents who are:

- 1) 65 years of age and older;
- 2) Certified totally and permanently disabled by the Federal Social Security Administration, a state Workers Compensation Board, the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System or the United States Railroad Retirement Board;
- 3) Kentucky resident employees of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, declared totally and permanently disabled by a recognized authority; or
- 4) Veterans at least 50% disabled as the result of a service-connected disability.

How To Get This License

Kentucky residents 65 or older need only show proof of residency and age in order to purchase the \$5 Senior Combination License from any license dealer.

All others (2-4 above) eligible to purchase the Disabled Combination License must first obtain documentation of disability benefits, as well as a disability authorization card from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in order to buy the license. The authorization card must be presented at the time of purchase, and then retained with the license in the hunter's possession while hunting.

Holders of a Senior or Disabled Combination License are required to follow all laws, bag limits, season dates, regulations and hunter education requirements the same as any other hunter. Harvested turkeys must be recorded, checked and tagged as described in this guide.

hunting license, youth deer permit and youth turkey permit.

NONRESIDENT HUNTER REQUIREMENTS

Those who do not meet the definition of a Kentucky resident are required to purchase nonresident licenses and permits. A resident is: Any person who has established **permanent** domicile and legal residence and has resided in Kentucky for 30 days prior to purchasing a license, full-time students enrolled in an educational institution for at least a six-month term, and military service personnel on permanent assignment in Kentucky. **Hunters who own land in Kentucky but do not meet the residency requirements noted above are classified as nonresidents.**

Nonresident youth hunters are subject to the same license and permit requirements as resident youth hunters.

All nonresident turkey hunters ages 16 and over are required to purchase and carry an annual nonresident hunting license and nonresident spring turkey per-

mit while turkey hunting. Nonresident squirrel hunters ages 16 and over may purchase either an annual, one-day or five-day nonresident license, as applicable. A one-day or five-day nonresident hunting license is not valid for turkey hunting.

RESIDENT SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE (SAVE \$50!)

Available to Kentucky residents only, the Sportsman's License includes a combination hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, statewide deer permit, state waterfowl permit (which also covers dove and other migratory bird hunting) and trout permit. Purchased separately, these items would cost \$50 more than buying the Sportsman's package deal. Peabody and LBL permits, trapping license, an Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit (if drawn), Out-of-Zone Elk Permit and bonus deer permits must be purchased separately. A Federal Duck Stamp (available at post offices) is required for waterfowl hunting.

WHICH LICENSE OR PERMIT DO I NEED?

The tables below are a quick overview of current licensing requirements for hunting and trapping in Kentucky. See the rest of this section for exemptions and

complete residency, licensing and hunter education requirements. All elk hunting regulations are explained in the fall Hunting & Trapping Guide, available in July.

Also:

See page 5 for Senior/Disabled License eligibility.

NOTE: Licenses and permits are not required for kids under the age of 12.

KENTUCKY RESIDENTS	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-64	Ages 65 and over OR Disabled
Deer	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Statewide Deer Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Fall Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License† + Spring Turkey Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License	Senior/Disabled License
Trapping	Annual Youth Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License	Annual or Landowner/Tenant Trapping License
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird or Kentucky Waterfowl Permit†	Senior/Disabled License
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual† or 1-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit† + Federal Duck Stamp	Senior/Disabled License + Federal Duck Stamp

NONRESIDENTS (must buy nonresident licenses/permits)	Ages 12-15	Ages 16 and over
Deer	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Deer Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Statewide Deer Permit
Fall Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Fall Turkey Permit
Spring Turkey	Youth Hunting License* + Youth Turkey Permit*	Annual Hunting License + Spring Turkey Permit
Small Game & Furbearer	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License
Trapping	Annual Trapping License	Annual Trapping License
Migratory Birds (dove, snipe, woodcock, moorhens, rails, gallinules)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Migratory Bird or Kentucky Waterfowl Permit
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots and mergansers)	Youth Hunting License*	Annual, 1-Day or 5-Day Hunting License + Kentucky Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp

*Included in Youth Sportsman's License

†Included in Resident Sportsman's License



HIP survey required (also required for Resident Sportsman's License)
(You will be asked survey questions during your purchase)

Q: Who needs a Federal Duck Stamp?

A: Hunters ages 16 and over must get a **federal** duck stamp (available from post offices) to hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

Q: Does the Resident Sportsman's License cover dove and other migratory bird hunting?

A: Yes. The Sportsman's License includes a Kentucky Waterfowl Permit, which covers not only waterfowl but also dove and other migratory bird hunting.

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

LICENSE / PERMIT	Resident	Nonresident
Annual Hunting (deer, elk or turkey)	\$20.00	\$130.00
Annual Fishing	\$20.00	\$50.00
Joint Husband/Wife Annual Fishing	\$36.00	Not available
1-Day Fishing	\$7.00	\$10.00
Nonresident 7-Day Fishing	Not available	\$30.00
Nonresident 15-Day Fishing	Not available	\$40.00
Trout Permit	\$10.00	\$10.00
1-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk or turkey)	\$7.00	\$10.00
5-Day Hunting (not valid for deer, elk or turkey)	Not available	\$40.00
Annual Youth Hunting (ages 12-15 only)	\$5.00	\$5.00
Annual Combination Hunting/Fishing	\$30.00	Not available
Senior/Disabled Combination Hunting/Fishing*	\$5.00	Not available
Deer Permit (statewide) (two deer)	\$30.00	\$60.00
Youth (ages 12-15) Deer Permit (one deer)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit (two deer)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Bonus WMA Quota Hunt Deer Permit (two deer)	\$30.00	\$30.00
Spring Turkey Permit (statewide) (two turkeys)	\$30.00	\$60.00
Youth (ages 12-15) Turkey Permit (one turkey, spring or fall)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Fall Turkey Permit (statewide) (four turkeys)	\$30.00	\$60.00
Kentucky Waterfowl Permit	\$15.00	\$15.00
Migratory Bird Permit	\$10.00	\$10.00
Annual Trapping	\$20.00	\$130.00
Annual Landowner/Tenant Trapping	\$10.00	Not available
Annual Youth (ages 12-15) Trapping	\$5.00	Not available
Sportsman's License* (Includes combination hunting/fishing, statewide deer permit, spring and fall turkey permits, state waterfowl permit and trout permit.)	\$95.00	Not available
Youth (ages 12-15) Sportsman's License* (Includes youth hunting license, youth deer permit and youth turkey permit. Fishing license, waterfowl permit and trout permit not required for youth.)	\$25.00	\$25.00
Elk Lottery Application (deadline April 30) (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Elk Quota Hunt Permit (if drawn)	\$30.00	\$365.00
Out-of-Zone Elk Permit	\$30.00	\$365.00
Peabody WMA User Permit	\$15.00	\$15.00
Land Between the Lakes (LBL) Hunter Use Permit	\$20.00	\$20.00
Temporary Hunter Education Exemption Permit (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$5.00	\$5.00
Federal Migratory Bird "Duck" Stamp (available at post offices)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Shooting Preserve License (available online at fw.ky.gov only)	\$5.00	\$5.00

* Peabody and LBL permits, Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit, Out-of-Zone Elk Permit and Federal Duck Stamp not included.

Annual licenses and permits are valid from the date of purchase through the last day in February. New licenses are required annually March 1. (A short-term license is valid only for the period shown on the license.)

Resident and nonresident youth under the age of 12 are not required to purchase licenses or permits (except the Elk Lottery Application, Elk Quota Hunt Permit and Out-of-Zone Elk Permit).

HOW TO BUY LICENSES AND PERMITS

GETTING A LICENSE IN PERSON

Kentucky hunting, trapping and fishing licenses and permits can be purchased from nearly 1,000 locations throughout the Commonwealth. Most Wal-Mart, K-Mart, county court clerk offices and outdoor sporting goods stores sell licenses. License vendor locations are listed at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits can also be purchased on this website, or toll-free at 1-877-598-2401.

GETTING A LICENSE BY PHONE

Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased over the phone 24 hours a day. It is the caller's responsibility to know what type of license or permit is needed before calling. Operators should NOT be relied upon to explain licensing requirements. If you are unsure what license or permit you need, refer to previous portions of this guide, or contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 1-800-858-1549.

By phone:

Call toll-free 1-877-598-2401

Persons purchasing by phone:

1. Must use Visa, Mastercard, Discover or e-check;
2. Will be charged a small fee;
3. Must provide their name, address, date of birth and Social Security number;
4. Will be issued a paper license/permit by mail;
5. Will be issued an authorization number which serves as a license/permit until paper license/permit is issued; and
6. Must have the authorization number in addition to a picture ID while hunting, if they have not yet received their paper license/permit in the mail.

All Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses and permits, except a **Disabled License** and **all youth licenses and per-**

By Internet:

Visit fw.ky.gov

Persons purchasing online:

1. Must use Visa, Mastercard or Discover;
2. Must provide their name, address, date of birth and Social Security number;
3. Must print their own paper license/permit at the end of their purchase; and
4. Will not receive a paper license/permit in the mail.

mits, can be purchased over the phone.

GETTING A LICENSE THROUGH THE INTERNET

All Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses and permits, except a **Joint Husband/Wife Fishing License**, can be purchased through the secured Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website.

RECORDING, CHECKING AND TAGGING Harvested Turkey

CALLING TELECHECK

1. Call toll-free 1-800-245-4263. It's in service 24 hours a day while seasons are open.
2. Listen to each question carefully and provide the requested information using the keypad on any touch-tone phone. You will be asked to indicate the animal's species and sex, type of equipment used, whether the land was private or public and what type of license you used (or if you are a landowner).
3. Once your harvest information has been entered correctly, you will be asked to hold while the system submits your survey information. Be prepared to write down the **confirmation number** given by the system on the hunter harvest log for the turkey you are checking in.

Telecheck number:
1-800-CHK-GAME
(1-800-245-4263)

All successful turkey hunters must record, check and tag turkeys according to the following regulations, including hunters who are license exempt.

The purpose of the recording, checking and tagging requirements is to identify who took what and how many, and to ensure that all animals have been checked in.

BASIC GUIDELINES

- You must have a completed hunter harvest log for each harvested turkey with you anytime you're in the field hunting turkey.

- You must be able to show you have the correct licenses and permits to hunt turkey, unless you are license/permit exempt.
- Meat processors and taxidermists are prohibited by law from accepting any part of an unchecked or untagged turkey.

RECORDING

All successful turkey hunters must write down harvest information on a hunter harvest log as soon as the bird is recovered and before it is moved. Blank spaces to fill in the required information are provided on the back of any paper license or permit. Otherwise, you may obtain a blank log sheet from a license dealer, use the example in this guide, or make one yourself and complete it as explained on page 9.

Log information should be written in ink.

HOW TO FILL OUT THE HUNTER HARVEST LOG

BEFORE YOU MOVE THE TURKEY FROM THE SPOT IT WAS FOUND:

Step 1: Mark the box for "Turkey" and fill in the date, county and sex of the bird. Put the harvest log back in your pocket.

Note:

You will need to have a pen with you in the field.

WHEN YOU CALL TO CHECK IN THE TURKEY:

Step 2: Write the Telecheck confirmation number on the harvest log, and keep the log in your possession whenever you are in the field during turkey season.

First things first:

Turkeys must be checked by midnight on the same day recovered. If you give the carcass to anybody else before it's processed, you must first attach a completed carcass tag to the bird before it leaves your possession.

Date, County & Sex must be filled in before carcass is moved. TELECHECK 1-800-245-4263


☒ DEER ☐ TURKEY ☐ BOBCAT ☐ OTTER ☐ ELK
DATE 11-16 COUNTY Grant SEX F
CONFIRMATION # 1234567890

☐ DEER ☒ TURKEY ☐ BOBCAT ☐ OTTER ☐ ELK
DATE 12-4 COUNTY Adair SEX M
CONFIRMATION # 1234567891

☐ DEER ☐ TURKEY ☐ BOBCAT ☐ OTTER ☒ ELK
DATE 12-13 COUNTY Johnson SEX F
CONFIRMATION # 1234567892

☐ DEER ☐ TURKEY ☒ BOBCAT ☐ OTTER ☐ ELK
DATE 1-20 COUNTY Knox SEX M
CONFIRMATION # 1234567893

☐ DEER ☐ TURKEY ☐ BOBCAT ☒ OTTER ☐ ELK
DATE 2-12 COUNTY Trigg SEX M
CONFIRMATION # 1234567894

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SAMPLE HARVEST LOG & CARCASS TAGS

Harvest logs are not to be used as carcass tags.

CARCASS TAG

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Telecheck Confirmation Number: _____

1-800-245-4263 (Animal must be checked in, and the confirmation number filled in above before carcass leaves hunter's possession.)

CARCASS TAG

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Telecheck Confirmation Number: _____

1-800-245-4263 (Animal must be checked in, and the confirmation number filled in above before carcass leaves hunter's possession.)

Date, County & Sex must be filled in before carcass is moved. TELECHECK 1-800-245-4263


☐ DEER ☐ TURKEY ☐ BOBCAT ☐ OTTER ☐ ELK
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Reminder: All hunters must fill out a hunter harvest log. Carcass tags are only required if the carcass leaves your possession.

KENTUCKY COUNTY CODE NUMBERS FOR TELECHECK

001	Adair	025	Clark	049	Harrison	073	McCracken	097	Perry
002	Allen	026	Clay	050	Hart	074	McCreary	098	Pike
003	Anderson	027	Clinton	051	Henderson	075	McLean	099	Powell
004	Ballard	028	Crittenden	052	Henry	076	Madison	100	Pulaski
005	Barren	029	Cumberland	053	Hickman	077	Magoffin	101	Robertson
006	Bath	030	Daviess	054	Hopkins	078	Marion	102	Rockcastle
007	Bell	031	Edmonson	055	Jackson	079	Marshall	103	Rowan
008	Boone	032	Elliott	056	Jefferson	080	Martin	104	Russell
009	Bourbon	033	Estill	057	Jessamine	081	Mason	105	Scott
010	Boyd	034	Fayette	058	Johnson	082	Meade	106	Shelby
011	Boyle	035	Fleming	059	Kenton	083	Menifee	107	Simpson
012	Bracken	036	Floyd	060	Knott	084	Mercer	108	Spencer
013	Breathitt	037	Franklin	061	Knox	085	Metcalfe	109	Taylor
014	Breckinridge	038	Fulton	062	Larue	086	Monroe	110	Todd
015	Bullitt	039	Gallatin	063	Laurel	087	Montgomery	111	Trigg
016	Butler	040	Garrard	064	Lawrence	088	Morgan	112	Trimble
017	Caldwell	041	Grant	065	Lee	089	Muhlenberg	113	Union
018	Calloway	042	Graves	066	Leslie	090	Nelson	114	Warren
019	Campbell	043	Grayson	067	Letcher	091	Nicholas	115	Washington
020	Carlisle	044	Green	068	Lewis	092	Ohio	116	Wayne
021	Carroll	045	Greenup	069	Lincoln	093	Oldham	117	Webster
022	Carter	046	Hancock	070	Livingston	094	Owen	118	Whitley
023	Casey	047	Hardin	071	Logan	095	Owsley	119	Wolfe
024	Christian	048	Harlan	072	Lyon	096	Pendleton	120	Woodford

Completing the hunter harvest log:

- If you have a paper license or permit, simply fill in the blanks on the back as indicated on page 9.
- ALL hunters not required to have a license/permit, or who have only a license authorization number, must create their own hunter harvest log and follow the same requirements as noted on page 9 after taking a turkey.

CHECKING (TELECHECK)

All harvested turkeys must be telechecked through the toll-free, automated phone-in system by midnight on the day the bird is harvested. Harvested turkeys must be checked in before being transported out of Kentucky.

When you call, you will be asked a short series of questions, including your **Social Security number** and the **county code number** where you took the bird. The county code chart appears above.

Checking your turkey takes about five minutes. **Entering false information is unlawful.**

TAGGING

Placing a carcass tag on a harvested turkey is only required when the carcass leaves the possession of the hunter who took the turkey. If you take a turkey, and it never leaves your possession, you are not required to put a carcass tag on the animal. Harvested animals in a hunter's possession are assumed to be his or hers, unless they bear a carcass tag stating otherwise. An individual in possession of an untagged turkey must have a fully completed hunter harvest log as described on page 9 for each bird.

If a turkey leaves the possession of the person who harvested it, that hunter must first make and attach a carcass tag to the turkey that clearly

Tag before you leave

Carcass tags must be placed on a turkey before the hunter gives it to, or leaves it with someone else. Hunters must also telecheck the turkey first, and write the confirmation number on the carcass tag as proof of doing so. The easiest item to use as a carcass tag is an index card. The carcass tag must remain attached until processing begins or the hunter returns to take possession of the carcass.

includes the following information:

1. Name of the person who took the bird(s).
2. Phone number of the person who took the bird(s); and
3. Telecheck confirmation number for each turkey.

OTHER HUNTING REGULATIONS

LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED

A person **SHALL NOT ENTER** upon the lands of another to hunt, trap or fish, **WITHOUT** the oral or written **PERMISSION** of the landowner, tenant or person who has authority to grant permission. Those who fail to obtain permission are subject to arrest and prosecution. Railroad tracks and rights of way are privately owned property and permission to hunt, trap or fish must be obtained prior to entry.

HUNTING METHOD EXEMPTIONS

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife grants exemptions to hunters with certain physical disabilities to hunt with a cross-bow during archery-only periods of deer, elk and turkey seasons, or use a stationary vehicle as a hunting platform.

However, persons with qualifying physical disabilities must first have an exemption form completed and signed by a licensed physician certifying why the exemption is necessary. Forms are available from the department and online at fw.ky.gov. A completed exemption form serves

Shooting hours

Shooting hours for turkey, squirrel and other species open to spring hunting are during daylight hours only. Daylight hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. However, hunters may be in the field before and after shooting hours. Sunrise and sunset tables are available at: http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneDay.php.

as the hunter's exemption permit. It should NOT be returned to the Department.

Persons who obtain a hunting method exemption are still required to have the appropriate hunting license and permits. Persons granted a hunting method exemption must also carry the signed exemption form along with their hunting license and permits while in the field.

USING HUNTER ORANGE FOR SAFETY

Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange clothing during the

spring turkey or squirrel seasons. However, displaying hunter orange when changing locations in the field or carrying a harvested turkey out of the field is strongly recommended for safety. Using hunter orange to identify you as a hunter when moving is a simple and effective way to help minimize accidents.

FEEDING OF WILDLIFE

It is illegal to feed wildlife with grain, seed or manufactured animal feed outside the curtilage of the home (the area immediately surrounding a home or group of homes) from March 1 through **May 31**. This regulation does not apply to normal agricultural practices or food plots, or municipal areas not open to legal hunting or trapping.

HUNTER EDUCATION LAW & REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULTS HUNTING WITH KIDS

Kentucky's Hunter Education Law states that all hunters, if required to purchase a Kentucky hunting license and **born on or after January 1, 1975**, must carry a valid hunter education

WHITETAILS AND TURKEYS AND BASS,

OH MY!



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- Spring & fall turkey permits
- Statewide deer, waterfowl & trout permits

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course completion card while hunting. However, a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit is available to residents and nonresidents online at fw.ky.gov. This \$5 permit allows hunting without a hunter education card for one year from the date of purchase. After it expires, the hunter is no longer exempt and must successfully complete a hunter education course. (Resident landowners are only license exempt on their own property. When hunting elsewhere, they must be licensed and comply with the hunter education law.)

A bowhunter not in possession of a firearm while hunting may carry a valid National Bowhunter Education Program course completion card instead of the hunter education card.

The hunter education law applies to

Note

Adults must accompany hunters ages 15 and under who turkey hunt with a gun. The adult shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm.

all types of hunting. Hunter education cards obtained from other states are valid in Kentucky. Hunter education cards and temporary hunter education exemption permits are not required when buying a license or permits, but **must be in the hunter's possession while hunting.** Course schedule information is available at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

Children under 12 years old are

exempt from this law, and cannot take the hunter education test until they turn 9 years old. BUT hunters under 12 years old and those who have temporary hunter education exemption permits must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old, who meets the hunter education requirement. The adult shall be in a position to take immediate control of the child or exempted hunter's bow or firearm at all times while hunting. This law applies even if the exempted hunter is an adult. One adult shall not accompany more than two children at the same time.

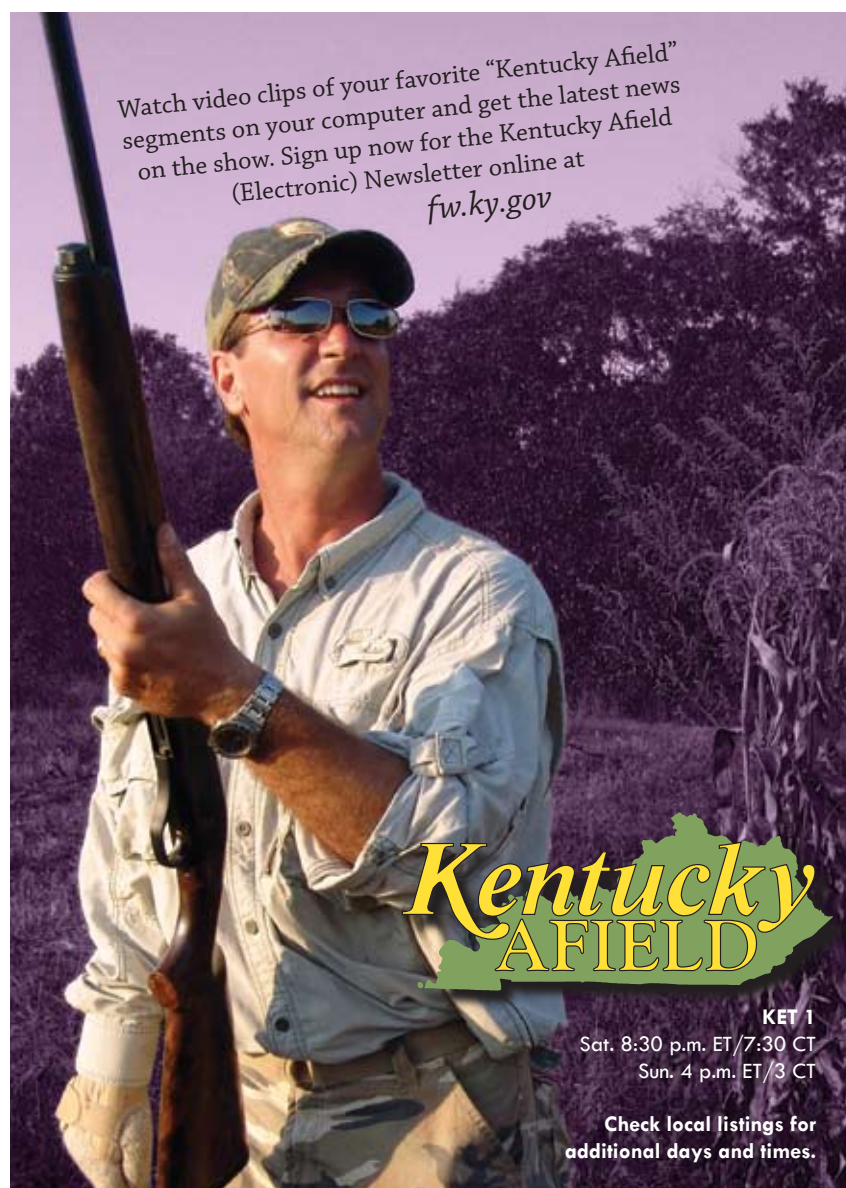
Replacement hunter education cards can be obtained by mailing \$5, name, current address, date of birth and phone number to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education Program at the address on the front of this guide.

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSES

Hunter education courses are free and are usually offered locally two or three times a year in each Kentucky county. Most classroom-style courses last 10-12 hours and are spread over a three-day period. To complete the course, a participant must attend the full course of instruction and successfully pass a written test and live fire requirement.

Hunters may take the classroom part of the course online at fw.ky.gov, by video or using an interactive CD-ROM program. Hunters using one of these alternative methods must have an affidavit notarized certifying they completed the training, then complete the final range training at a scheduled hunter education course and successfully pass a written test before getting their hunter education card.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife strongly urges hunters to check the course schedule well in advance of when a course is needed. For more information and a schedule of hunter education courses, log on to fw.ky.gov or call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549.



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Kentucky AFIELD

KET 1
Sat. 8:30 p.m. ET/7:30 CT
Sun. 4 p.m. ET/3 CT

Check local listings for additional days and times.

Q: Is the temporary hunter education exemption permit accepted outside Kentucky?

A: No. The permit is also not accepted at Bluegrass Army Depot or Fort Campbell.